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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 10, 2002

APPLICATION OF

FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS
CORP.- VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC010248

To discontinue retail local and
long distance services in Virginia

ORDER PERMITTING DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES

On December 17, 2001, FairPoint Communications Corp. - Virginia ("FairPoint" or the "Company"), completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting Commission approval to discontinue its provision of retail telecommunications services to customers in Virginia. In its application, FairPoint states that it has determined that such action is a necessary business decision for the Company.¹

According to the application, FairPoint currently provides basic, voice-grade business line services to approximately 588 customers in Virginia. The Company represents that it has developed a detailed customer notification and transfer plan that will ensure a seamless transition with no service

¹ FairPoint did not request that its certificates of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") be canceled. FairPoint holds CPCN No. T-502 to provide local exchange telecommunications services and CPCN No. TT-107A to provide

interruption to customers' selected carriers.² Additionally, FairPoint has arranged with Ntelos, an integrated service provider serving customers in Virginia, to market its services to FairPoint's customer base in Virginia.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being sufficiently advised, will grant the requested discontinuance of services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC010248.

(2) FairPoint is hereby granted authority to discontinue its provision of telecommunications services to business customers in Virginia effective April 1, 2002.

(3) The local exchange and interexchange tariffs of FairPoint, on file with the Division of Communications, shall be canceled effective April 30, 2002.

(4) On or before January 25, 2002, FairPoint shall provide an initial customer notice on its discontinuance plans to each customer affected by the proposed discontinuance. The notice shall include a copy of this Order.

interexchange telecommunications services, issued August 29, 2000, in Case No. PUC000037.

² FairPoint intends to provide affected customers with at least 60 days' advance written notice of its discontinuance plans and will subsequently provide affected customers with at least 30 days' advance written notice of same. Thus, all affected customers should receive at least two written notices from FairPoint.

(5) FairPoint shall provide a copy of its application upon written request by interested parties to counsel for the Company, Michael M. Kent, Senior Regulatory Counsel, FairPoint Communications Corp. - Virginia, 6324 Fairview Road, 4th Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28210. The Application is also available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

(6) On or before March 1, 2002, FairPoint shall provide a second notice describing the Company's plan for discontinuance of service to all affected customers.

(7) On or before February 8, 2002, FairPoint shall file proof of notice as ordered in Ordering Paragraph (4) above.

(8) On or before March 15, 2002, Fairpoint shall file proof of notice as ordered in Ordering Paragraph (6) above.

(9) On or before March 4, 2002, FairPoint shall report to the Commission's Division of Communications the number of its remaining customers in Virginia.

(10) Any deposits held by FairPoint for Virginia customers shall be returned to customers, either as a credit on the final bill or by check, including any interest, by June 1, 2002.

(11) FairPoint shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) days after receipt of same.

Except as modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq.

(12) FairPoint shall provide the Commission with copies of any petitions and/or information filed with the Federal Communications Commission regarding its discontinuance of telecommunications services.

(13) This case shall remain open for further orders of the Commission.